

## LATE WEATHER REPORT.

(By telegraph to this Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, March 23.—A. M.—For Virginia, light, northerly breeze, with occasional light snow, followed by fair weather.  
For North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Eastern Florida, light to fresh westerly winds, clear, followed by warmer, fair weather.  
The weather in Richmond yesterday was pleasantly mild, with slight snow at noon and about sunset.  
Range of Thermometer Yesterday.  
A. M. 40  
P. M. 44  
W. M. 44  
M. M. 44  
Mean temperature..... 39 1/2

## A MAGNIFICENT ORIENTAL JEWEL.

Presented by the *Richmond News*,  
Whose Wealth is Double that of the  
Vanderbilts and Goulds Combined.

While making his rapid tour of inspection in the city, and entering the rooms of the Exposition, the great Thinker of the South was taken



at the Windsor Hotel with extreme nervous exhaustion and, though thirty years of age, he seemed to be a man of fifty. The physician attending him at the hotel, Dr. J. M. G. Smith, said that the great Thinker of the South was taken ill by the fatigue of his journey, and that he was in a very delicate condition. The great Thinker of the South was taken ill by the fatigue of his journey, and that he was in a very delicate condition.

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No. 113  
East Broad Street.  
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It is the only first-class OIL-STORE in the market. No oil, as sale as a lamp, will do the cooking of an ordinary oil-stove.

Also, the largest stock in the city of REFRIGERATORS, GAS FIXTURES, AND GRATES.

For sale by JOHN BOWERS, No. 7 Governor street.

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

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## SUBSCRIPTION-LISTS.

## THE WORK OF GETTING MONEY FOR THE VIRGINIA EXPOSITION.

With a Long Pull, a Strong Pull, and a Full Altitude, the Required Sum Will be Raised.

Much good work has been done already in the way of getting subscriptions to the stock for the Exposition, and to-day the committees will call to see many more of our business-men and property-holders. They want prompt and generous response. They are not asking "donations," they have put up with a goodly list of subscribers.

It is expected that the exhibition will yield a profit; but it does not surely the Fair-Grounds and the \$80,000 of improvements to be placed upon them will be ample security for this \$80,000 asked of our citizens.

The inducements that the money will be gotten. We have come too far to turn back. There is no way to look but forward. The reputation of Richmond is now at stake, and the people could better afford to hazard double the money asked than to suffer the odium of a failure.

The Exposition will be held for two or three weeks, beginning about October 10th, and it will be a great advertisement for Richmond. It will bring visitors and it will bring trade here. After it is over for this year we will have the grand hall for public use. It is a thing much needed, and it will be brought into close proximity to the community by the extension of both street-car lines to it.

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## FIRE IN MANCHESTER.

## DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION ACROSS THE RIVER.

Six Buildings and Out-Houses Destroyed—Want of Water Greatly Felt—Loss About \$12,000.

A fierce and destructive conflagration visited Manchester between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, and destroyed about \$10,000 or \$12,000 worth of property. The fire was one of the biggest that had taken place in Manchester since the burning of Buck & Haff's mill about two years ago.

Six frame houses, including a barber's out-house, were destroyed, and not until about 2 o'clock this morning were the flames under control.

The Alert Fire Company was soon on the ground, but on account of the limited facilities it was unable to render much assistance. The nearest water was about half a mile away, and even had the Richmond Fire Department been sent for—an idea that did not occur to the Manchesterers until the fire had made considerable headway—it could not have helped much in subduing the flames.

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